

Thank you Madam Chairman, Mayor and people of Snohomish,

Some of you may know and recognize me. I am Cathy Ashcraft. My senior husband Dean and I always showed up at event and celebrations in this town together on many occasions. We dressed in old style outfits and story book looks for Easter parades and Kla-Ha-Ya Days Events behind the scenes to connect with you and young at heart.

My husband Dean is not with me here today. He passed away last May.

He loved this town as much as I do. I took care of him as his 24 hour +++ caretaker. He was a major sundowner in Alzheimer's Dementia...that means up all the time.

Keeping him safe and protected and tending to any of his needs. Now that he is gone I do my best from my heart to still carry on sleep-wise, food-wise my body is pretty confused to keep going.

I am the one who live at 427 Lincoln Ave, called the Happiest House at the End of the Lane.

I studied interior design and did displays of all types when I could. Window and wedding and Christmas set-ups for malls and department store installations. So my background is rather colorful and I think out of the box and more in the bubble. That's what keeps my heart more a spiritual one than a physical one.

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I decorate my house for all to enjoy. I often go out on my front porch and love to see the passers-by on The Centennial Trail...the walkers, bikers, joggers, people with dogs, and kids on trikes.

People often comment on my house saying,

"Wow did you see that?"

"It looks like a storybook house!"

"Is that where Cinderella lives?"

"Hey that's cool."

But they are also heard asking, "Which way are we supposed to go here...north? South? East? Or west?"

(Or both ways are nice too.)

"The weather is bad maybe we should hold out here somewhere."

"Does anyone know anything about this town."

When the rain and wind blow they also say," Wow, I think we're going to land over the rainbow and they will sing one of those familiar songs or tunes from I don't know about you but one of my favorite movies, The Wizard of Oz."

So I feel we have a gem of a place in this emerald city here to create something very special, a home away from home. A golden opportunity on this propose land site to create a home of

H...health

O...opportunity

M...Meet and greet, get out of the rain, wind or heat

E...educate, exercise and entertain.

I am suggesting we could have some of the following added to our area and town...

- 1) A map on a wall that says you are here and welcome. It can have highlights and areas depicted on it about special places, business cards, pamphlets and educational things.
- 2) A health conscious Juice Bar with fruit smoothies, protein drinks, raw carrot juice and wheat grass juice and green drinks.
- 3) A style fireplace for when it is colder outside with tables and chairs...casual restaurant style.
- 4) and then for those in their heart who want to be courageous and brave a special style performance stage for sing and karaoke style fun for everyone, and for people to cheer them on and help them.
- 5) There could also be a check in for their bikes to be kept and protected—like a coat check set up with an attendant either on a rack on the wall or behind a table or booth for all types of special bikes...bikes that are like a person's best friend.
- 6) Speaking of a man's best friend, all the different types of "Toto" would have their own cool down station for drinking water and a doggie swimming pool for their joy and fun, because when it is hot for us it's even hotter for them. (I'm called the dog waterer lady because I love to have water available for the dogs to drink, and I love to sing with the birds.)
- 7) There could be bleachers covered over outside over outside for people to watch the doggies frolic and play in the pool to keep cool and have fun.
- 8) Speaking of fun, outside the entrance to our OZ opportunities and zest and zeal of life spot here and there would be a bistro style tables and chairs around with umbrellas all colors of the rainbow and special fun outdoor style music for everyone to dance to with outdoor dance floor. Caribbean steel drums and Mariachis bands.
- 9) And then speaking of bands...since I did so many theme dream style weddings in my day it was a goal of so many brides to find the perfect gazebo band stand for a photo to be taken on their special day, so if a white lattice gazebo would be outside here...the word would spread fast and many would come to find this Magical land over the rainbow.
- 10) Flowers and flowerpots and bird bathes would attract birds and butterflies.
- 11) A drive up window would accommodate people in a hurry and a walk up window would appeal to younger generations or those in a hurry but wanting to get more exercise.
- 12) And finally speaking of exercise...a large upstairs room would be great (with a ramp for those who needed help), for dancing and enjoying music. And open observation ceiling would allow people to enjoy the stars and skies, or a painted ceiling would be wonderful too.

We would want this area to be our own and everyone else's home away from home, because like Judy Garland said in the Land of The wizard of OZ...there's no place like home.

Thank you

And God Bless you.

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